

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1.(currently amended): A method for controlling replacement of plural terminal equipment in a building management system, connected to plural points to be managed in a building, comprising the steps of:

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tabulating a connecting status showing which existing terminal equipment or new terminal equipment is used in each point to be managed and correspondence between hard addresses of the existing terminal equipment and new terminal equipment, and

switching hard addresses corresponding to the points to be managed ~~from~~ according to the tabled connecting status of the existing terminal equipment or new terminal equipment and the correspondence between the hard addresses of the existing terminal equipment and the new terminal equipment.

2.(canceled): B

3.(original): The method according to claim 1,
wherein the connecting status of the terminal equipment is expressed by a flag to be set when the connecting status is tabulated.

4.(canceled):

5.(currently amended): The method according to claim 3,

wherein in the step of switching the hard addresses ~~when~~ corresponding to the point to be managed, the existing terminal equipment is switched to the new terminal equipment according to a ~~judgement~~ judgment of the connecting status of the terminal equipment ~~when switching the hard address corresponding to the point to be managed, and a TEST mode is set in which only the point to be managed is only can be monitored and controlled, of which mode is changed to a TEST mode where the point can not be monitored and controlled by application processes and after the TEST mode elapses, a NORMAL mode is set in which the new terminal equipment can be operable.~~

6.(original): The method according to claim 5,

wherein the TEST mode is transited to a normal operation mode by a manual operation.

7.(currently amended): A system for controlling a replacement of terminal equipment connected to plural points to be managed in a building, comprising:

a center device having a table for a connecting status showing which existing terminal equipment or new terminal equipment is used in each point to be managed and correspondence between hard addresses of the existing terminal equipment and the new terminal equipment, which are corresponding to the points to be managed, and

existing terminal equipment or a new terminal equipment, which is connected to the center device,

wherein the hard address corresponding to the point to be managed is switched according to the connecting status of the existing terminal equipment or new terminal equipment

and the correspondence between hard addresses of the existing terminal equipment and the new terminal equipment obtained ~~from~~ according to the table of the center device, and a connection from the existing terminal equipment or the new terminal equipment to the center device is controlled.

8.(canceled):

9.(original): The system according to claim 7,
wherein the connecting status of the terminal equipment is expressed by flags to be set when the connecting status is tabulated.

10.(canceled)

11.(currently amended): The system according to claim 9,
wherein ~~when the processor switches the existing terminal equipment to the new terminal equipment according to a judgement~~ judgment of the connecting status of the terminal equipment when switching the hard address corresponding to the points to be managed, a TEST mode is set in which only the points to be managed are only can be monitored and controlled, of which mode is changed to a TEST mode where the points can not be monitored and controlled by application processes and after the TEST mode elapses, a NORMAL mode is set in which the new terminal equipment can be operable.

12.(original): The system according to claim 11,

wherein the TEST mode to a normal operation mode is executed by a manual

operation.

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